

# **PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 12, 2006**

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## MINUTES

1. Called to order at 8:30 am by Marilyn Wilkinson.
2. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
  - Paul Davis – I read in the paper that May is National Preservation month. I was wondering if maybe we could get the County historian to do another presentation for our group.
  - Paul Davis – I was reading an article that said business are going to have to reduce emissions and one of the possible ways for businesses to do this is by planting trees, so I think that there might be a connection between County parks and this effort.
  - Mike McCoy - Dave Robinson has suggested to the Senate that we declare a national endangered species day and I would like to work on a letter that specifically encourages the Board of Supervisors to support this effort.
  - Marilyn Wilkinson – Since this item of supporting the National Endangered Species Day was not on the agenda we cannot make a vote on it, so I am going to have this put on the June agenda.
    - ♦ Renee Bahl – I have that this will be an item on the June agenda and Dr. McCoy can draft a letter of support and we will send it out before the meeting for everyone to review and be able to discuss at the meeting.
  - Mike McCoy – I also found an article that said that by 2030 they expect another 1 million people to be living in San Diego.
  - Rick Landavazo - The City is working on an acquisition for Stanley Peak. I was wondering if the committee would like to support the Friends of Daley Ranch on this campaign. I think that maybe I should get more information on this and bring it back to the committee.
  - John Degenfelder – Supervisor Dianne Jacob received an award for her work on the County Trails Program from the State of California (an award from the Governor) at a conference last weekend.
  - Jim Peugh – There is a development that the City of San Diego is proposing that I am hoping will not continue as planned as it is since part of it is in the flood plain.
  - Marilyn Wilkinson – I am currently working on trying to get the trails and parks that the community needs. I have found part of our LOMA guidelines that ask for trails and parks in the community.
  - Roger Utt – I didn't know if everyone knows, but I sit on the Mission Trails Park Advisory Committee. There is currently a water main project that would go through the park. I have made comments to the draft EIR and the various issues that the project presents.
    - ♦ Renee Bahl – I can check to see if there is anything on this that would be something the county would comment on.
3. Approval of March 10, 2006 Minutes
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MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 10, 2006 MINUTES PAUL DAVIS, 2<sup>ND</sup> ROGER  
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4. Distribution of April 14, 2006 Notes

5. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Jason Hemmens

- Distributed our department accomplishments for April.
- We are going to be having our LUEG All Hands meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at El Monte Park and all of you are invited to attend.
- National Trails Day is on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at Los Peñasquitos Preserve, so come out and join us.
- We have made a pledge through the Nutrition Network to offer healthy options at all of our events and meetings.
- The budget will be discussed by the Board of Supervisors in June, however this year we are looking better since there is not such a crunch for money. We have requested 9 new positions along with additional funding. At this time there should not be a big controversy, so we are not expecting to need testimony on our behalf, we are hoping that it will all get passed very quickly.
- It looks like we might be moving our administrative office to a new location. We are still negotiating a lease.
- I would like to recognize Jim Peugh and his wife Barbara for receiving the individual EARTH awards.
- I am going to an interview with a UT reporter today and we are trying to pitch a large story about all of our fire recovery efforts and park reopenings. El Capitan, the last park still closed from the Cedar fire, will reopen May 20<sup>th</sup>.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- PLDO and CSA Fund Balance Reports – Denbigh Dickson
  - ◆ Distributed handouts of the current PLDO and CSA fund balances.
  - ◆ Each of the CSA's have received the deposits for the April property taxes, so you will see that the balances are higher.
    - Rick Landavazo – Could you give me a very quick review on how PLDO funds can be used.
  - ◆ The planning board approves projects that would use the PLDO funds. It is for development or acquisition of parks, not maintenance.
- MSCP Map and Trail Connectivity – Trish Boaz
  - ◆ Presented map of countywide MSCP acquisitions and preserve lands.
  - ◆ We are going to have a Get to Know Your Community Trails and Pathways on June 1, 2006 at the Bonita-Sunnyside County Branch Library at 6:30 pm.
  - ◆ We are continually working on trail connections from north to south, east to west, and those in between.
  - ◆ We had a Trails Symposium on February 2, 2006 and we had 40 agencies and stakeholders attend and they made some great progress working together on trail planning.
    - John Degenfelder – In Santa Ysabel there is about 8 miles of trails, I was wondering what is happening with this?
  - ◆ Yes, we are still working on these trails and hope to have them open this summer.

- Rick Landavazo – The BLM area next to Hellhole Canyon is showed as a hard line area, how is that possible?
    - ♦ We are working with them as a partnership, so it will not be developed, but remain as an open space preserve. We are currently working on a MOU with them and trying to get the land transferred to the County.
    - ♦ You will see on the map that there are areas designated as a Biological Mitigation Ordinance, which means that they have to be preserved and can also be enhanced as part of mitigation from other places.
  - South Lane Park Communication Procedure – Renée Bahl
    - ♦ Just a quick follow up on this from our meeting a few months ago, we have met with the planning group in the area and they voted unanimously on our tree planting plan.
    - ♦ We are working with the planning group very closely and the community.
  - Outdoor Adventure Program – Jason Hemmens
    - ♦ We have a Habitat Conservation Fund Grant from the State that funds our Outdoor Adventure Program for our teen centers.
    - ♦ We have now also received another grant to fund these same types of programs for the kids at the San Pasqual Academy.
    - ♦ These grants fund 20 trips a year and these are trips such as camping/hiking trips at Joshua Tree, surf camps, kayaking, etc.
    - ♦ We also have established great partnerships with SDSU and UCSD, which really helps us with extra programming, education, and staffing.
    - ♦ We are also going to start offering adult adventure programs that will be more active, such as a hiking/yoga trip to Joshua Tree, fishing trips to Baja, etc.
      - John Carroll – I would be willing to help out with any of these programs, especially I have connections with mountain biking and Baja information.
    - ♦ We will definitely use any help we can get.
      - Jim Peugh – Is there an interpretive component to these trips?
    - ♦ Yes, there is always some type of interpretive or community service component of the trips.
7. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda
- None
8. ADJOURNMENT
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am by Marilyn Wilkinson.

ATTENDEES:

John Carroll, District 1  
 Mike McCoy, District 1  
 Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2  
 John Degenfelder, District 2  
 Doug Goad, District 3  
 Paul Davis, District 3  
 Roger Utt, District 4  
 Jim Peugh, District 4  
 Rick Landavazo, District 5  
 Rod Groenewold, District 5  
 Renée Bahl, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Jason Hemmens, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation  
Denbigh Dickson, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation  
Trish Boaz, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation  
Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation